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TAGS: CDES, BF
SUBJ: DEATHS: U.S. CITIZENS: NORMA LEWIS, KAREN LEWIS AND
CHARLES LEWIS

TO: MRS. EVA SMITH
P.O. BOX 363
COLEMAN, FLORIDA
TEL: 904-748-3560

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE
DEATHS OF YOUR DAUGHTER, NORMA LEWIS AND OF YOUR GRANDCHILDREN,
CHARLES AND KAREN LEWIS. BAHAMAS POLICE INFORMED THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY AT NASSAU ON 6-28-78 OF THEIR DEATHS BY BURNING ON
6-28-78 AT GREAT HARBOUR CAY, BERRY ISLANDS, THE BAHAMAS WHEN
THE TOWN HOUSE THEY WERE RENTING CAUGHT FIRE.

2. YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL BAHAMAS POLICE.

3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO
MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY'S
CREMATED REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO,
PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS TO FLORIDA
WOULD COST DOLS 1,500 (ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS).
THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS DOLS 1,400 (ONE
THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS). ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE
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APPROXIMATE.

4. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE
FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY
AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, NASSAU, BAHAMAS AND
INCLUDE THE NAME OF DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE
WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT

MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME
YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. (B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED
FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON,
D.C., FOR AMERICAN EMBASSY, NASSAU, BAHAMAS, OR (C) IF
YOU ARE HAVING THE CREMATED REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE UNITED
STATES, YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU
SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY THREE (3) DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED
FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL
FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED
BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

6. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF DEATH CERTIFICATES:
FULL NAMES AND DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH OF THE DECEASED.
IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF
THIS POST BY PHONING NASSAU (AREA CODE 809-322-4753).

7. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
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